

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville P.O.

☒ VICINITY OF Texas

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Congressional District

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☒ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- ☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- ☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The Archdiocese of Baltimore/
 St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

Rectory Phone
 Telephone #: 666-1619

STREET & NUMBER

101 Church Lane

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

☒ VICINITY OF Texas

STATE, zip code

Maryland # 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

1401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland # 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is located close to the street on the south side of Church Lane in the community of Texas. It was built in the Romanesque Revival Style between 1850 - 1852, on a 125x150 foot lot donated to the parish by John and Eva Clark of Texas.

The original building was 40x60 feet, with its long axis north - south. It was constructed of hammered limestone marble donated by John Clark from his quarry. Despite the fact that the material and most of the labor was donated, the cost of \$29,000 was a large sum for those days. The church was dedicated on October 31, 1852.

The building was lengthened by 40 feet between 1868-1871. The tower and steeple were added between 1875-1884. A new roof was put on in 1887, this was replaced by a slate roof in 1942. Apparently there were no major exterior changes from 1884 until 1966 when the church was renovated. At this time the east and west transepts were added, utilizing stone from dismantled portions of the church. The church is now in the shape of a Latin Cross.

The north facade has not been visibly altered, it is three bays wide. The entrance door is flanked by round arch stained glass memorial windows, on the first level. This double, four paneled wood door is topped by a stained glass fanlight with decorative trim which states simply "St Joseph's Church". The door is recessed and framed by a deep paneled wood arch. The church tower, also of stone, has double round arch stained glass windows between the two belt courses on the north facade. There are double, round arch louvered openings on all four sides above the second belt course on the tower. The steeple, topped by a cross, has a single louvered opening on each facade.

Both the east and west facades of the central block are five bays wide, the east transept has four bays on the north and south facades. A round stained glass window, which originally was behind the altar and on the south facade of the main block, has been moved to the east end of the east transept. The west transept has four bays on the north and five bays on the south facades. All windows are of modern design and are colored/stained glass. Lintels and sills are stone. There is a capped stone chimney or buttress on the west facade of the main block as well as two bulk heads.

The roof is slate covered, a longitudinal gable on the main block and hip on the transepts. Quoins have been used on all corners for structural support. Decorative stone tabs have been used to frame all arched openings.

Except for the north facade, the building retains few traces of its original simplicity of form and design.

On the interior, at first, walls were painted gray with a narrow border, window casings were white. Pews were made of oak. In 1887 the ceiling was frescoed and the pews painted. Today the interior of the church is 19th century Gothic.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Street Scape
Local History

SPECIFIC DATES 1852, ca 1868, 1966 BUILDER/ARCHITECT 1852-Thomas Fortune, Frederick Wheeler builders

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE 1966- Architect-Edw.Q. Rogers
Builder-Frank M. Harvey Inc.

Statement of Significance

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is important as part of the street scape on the east end of Church Lane in Texas. It is the focal point and completely harmonious with other buildings in the St Joseph's complex, both in scale and the use of finished coursed stone in construction. It is a vernacular interpretation of the Romanesque Revival style of architecture, in stone.

With the influx of Irish Catholic immigrants into Texas in the mid 1840's, the need for a resident priest in the community became important. Until 1850 when the first permanent pastor was assigned, the spiritual needs of the people had been cared for by occasional visits from priests from Baltimore City or Hickory in Harford County, Mass was first said in the home of John and Eva Clark on Church Lane. This arrangement soon became inadequate. Construction of a permanent church, on a lot donated by the Clarks, began in June 1850. Local artisans were employed in the construction. Thomas Fortune did the stone work and Francis Wheeler the carpentering.

The church was probably most important as the focal point of the Irish Catholics in Texas and surrounding communities. Though physically retaining few traces of its simple beginnings, St Joseph's has been an integral part of Texas for over a century and a quarter. The church has grown with the needs of its people from a rural parish of less than one thousand souls to a complex suburban one, with a membership of over 7,000.

The cemetery located south and east of the church, is the resting place of most of the early settlers of the town.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records: GHC 29/316, JHL 44/447, JHL 48/543, JWS112/89
 Baltimore County Tax Lists 1896
 "The Diamond Jubilee of St Joseph's Parish" Very Rev Albert E. Smith
 Baltimore 1927
 "Centenary Celebration St Joseph's Parish" N.A. 1946
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Lot Size 125 X 150 feet (originally)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion S. Anderson (student)

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

December 19, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

200 Brightdale Road

TELEPHONE

252 - 1576

CITY OR TOWN

Timonium

STATE

Maryland # 21093

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Maryland
Baltimore County
Dist. VIII
Texas

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St. Joseph's Catholic
Church

1852

Land and stone for the church donated by Mr. John Clarke;
a two-acre cemetary.

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
County Historical Society

July 29, 1965

CHAIN OF TITLE

ST JOSEPHS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

H.M.F. 6/313 20 October 1853

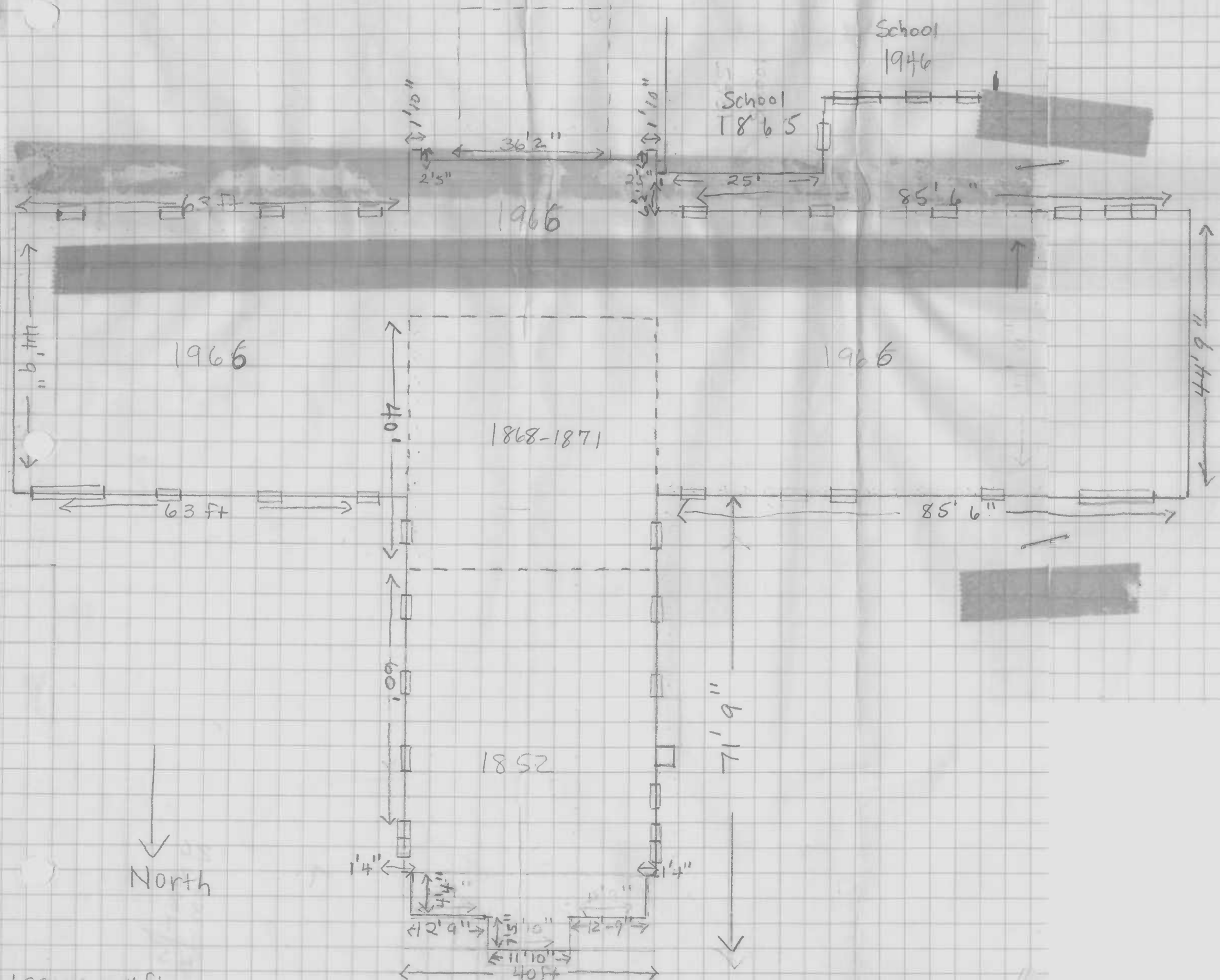
John and Eva Clark deed to The Most Reverend Francis Patrick Kendrick
Archbishop of Baltimore

In consideration of the sum of five dollars Clark sold to Kendrick
All that lot or parcel of ground situated and lying in Baltimore County
on the southern side of a public road leading from the Baltimore and
York Turnpike Road to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad at or near
the village of Texas, said lot having a front of one hundred and twenty-
five feet on said public road and extends back southwardly therefrom of
the even width of one hundred and fifty feet to the depth of one hund-
red and fifty feet and upon which ground is erected or to be erected a
church for the use of the members of the Catholic Congregation of St Jos-
eph in the Village of Texas aforesaid.

There is no reference made to any earlier deeds, nor any indication where
or how John Clark acquired the land

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St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church
101 Charleston Road

